

Application No.: 09/871,765
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REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004.

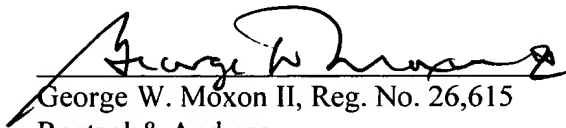
Claims 1-31, 45-51, and 53-61 are pending in the application. Claims 1-31 and 45-51 are allowed. Claims 53-61 are rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 and 35 U.S.C. 132 as the specification as originally filed does not provide support for the now claimed invention.

New claims 53-61 were derived directly from pending claims, which are cancelled, namely, claims 34-44. Claim 53 is now derived from claim 34. Claim 54 is derived from claim 35. Claim 55 is derived from claim 36. Claim 56 is derived from claim 37. Claim 57 is derived from claim 38. Claim 58 is derived from claim 40. Claim 59 is derived from claim 41. Claim 60 is derived from claim 42. Claim 61 is derived from claim 44. Further, claims 53-60 are supported in the specification on page 10, line 29 to page 11, line 2; page 11, lines 17-26; page 12, line 16 to page 13, line 12; and page 13, lines 22-24. Therefore, the claims are supported by the specification as well as the prior claims. As noted in MPEP §608.04, the specification, drawings and claims can support disclosure.

In view of all of this, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 53-61, as well as withdrawal of the rejection, is requested. All of the claims now pending, namely, claims 1-31, 45-51, and 53-61 should be allowable. Therefore, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any of the foregoing in more detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call to finalize allowance of this application and its issuance as a patent.

Respectfully submitted,


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